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SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 6 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE

1. PURSUANT TO THE SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED DINITZ TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RABIN'S RECENT STATEMENT WHICH YOU REPORTED YESTERDAY AND WHICH GOT FRONT-PAGE PLAY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE STATEMENT, CONTRARY TO THE LINE WHICH ALLON AND PERES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN, THROWS ALL SORTS OF COLD WATER ON THE PROSPECTS OF A SYRIAN NEGOTIATION. THE ARTICLE HAS BEEN PLAYED HERE AS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE U.S.

2. THE SECRETARY WISHES YOU TO SEE RABIN AND INDICATE TO HIM THAT WE CONSIDER THE LINE HE IS TAKING IN THIS REGARD AS UNHELPFUL. WE UNDERSTAND CLEARLY, BASED ON OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, WHAT THE ISRAELI ATTITUDE IS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER. YOU SHOULD GET ACROSS THAT WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY IN THE DELICATE SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN THE ARAB WORLD WITH SADAT UNDER STRONG ATTACK THAT HE IS GOING HIS SEPARATE WAY, THAT RABIN'S STATEMENT MULTIPLIES HIS DIFFICULTIES. MOREOVER, IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FACT THAT, AS RABIN KNOWS, WE HAVE TOLD THE EGYPTIANS AS WELL AS THE SYRIANS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO

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NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. THE SECRETARY HAS ALSO MADE THIS POINT IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN THERE THAT SHOULD THE INTERIM AGREEMENT BECOME AN END IN ITSELF, IT WILL TEND TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION IN THE ARAB WORLD AS WELL AS MAKE SADAT MORE VULNERABLE.

3. FINALLY WE WANT YOU TO GET ACROSS TO RABIN THAT IF WE ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE AND TRY TO COORDINATE OUR POLICIES AND POSTURE AS WE INDICATED WE WOULD TRY TO DO, THEN THIS HAS TO BE RECIPROCAL. WE MUST HAVE CLEAR INDICATIONS AHEAD OF TIME WHEN MAJOR POLICY STATEMENTS ARE MADE, AND ABOVE ALL THERE HAS TO BE REGULAR AND SYSTEMATIC EFFORT MADE ON THE PART OF ISRAEL TO CONCERT WITH US BEFOREHAND. I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU AS TO HOW TO GET ACROSS THE NOTION THAT THERE HAS TO BE TWO-WAY RECIPROCITY.

4. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOU TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS. DINITZ WILL HAVE ALREADY REPORTED TO RABIN ON THE CONVERSATION WHICH I HAVE HAD WITH HIM YESTERDAY.
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